Questions & Answers About State Information & Assistance Services

Q. How can state I&A officers help me?

A. I&A officers can give you fact sheets, workers' compensation forms, and guides that explain how to fill out the forms. The fact sheets and guides include:

Fact sheet for injured workers: Basic facts on workers' compensation for injured workers

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| Fact sheet A: | Answers to your questions about utilization review | | | |
| Fact sheet B: | Glossary of workers' compensation terms for injured workers | | | |
| Fact sheet C: | Answers to your questions about temporary disability benefits | | | |
| Fact sheet D: | Answers to your questions about permanent disability benefits | | | |
| Fact sheet E: | Answers to your questions about qualified medical evaluators and agreed medical evaluators | | | |
| Fact sheet F: | Answers to your questions about the state's Uninsured Employers Benefits Trust Fund | | | |
| I&A guide 1: | How to file a workers' compensation claim form | | | |
| I&A guide 2: | How to request a qualified medical evaluation | | | |
| I&A guide 3: | How to object to your summary rating | | | |
| I&A guide 4: | How to file an application for adjudication of claim | | | |
| I&A guide 5: | How to file a declaration of readiness to proceed | | | |
| I&A guide 6: | How to request an expedited hearing | | | |
| I&A guide 7: | How to file a petition for discrimination (Labor Code 132a) | | | |
| I&A guide 8: | How to file a serious and willful misconduct petition | | | |
| I&A guide 9: | How to file a petition for commutation | | | |
| I&A guide 10: | How to file a lien | | | |
| I&A guide 11: | How to file a petition to reopen | | | |
| I&A guide 12: | How to file a petition for reconsideration | | | |
| I&A guide 13: | How to file an appeal of the administrative director | | | |
| I&A guide 14: | How to file a complaint with the Audit Unit | | | |
| I&A guide 15: | How to dismiss your attorney | | | |
| I&A guide 16: | How to file a claim with the Uninsured Employers Benefits Trust Fund | | | |
| I&A guide 16A: | How to correctly name your employer for the Uninsured Employers Benefits Trust Fund | | | |
| I&A guide 16B: | How to serve your employer in an Uninsured Employers Benefits Trust Fund case | | | |
| I&A guide 17: | How to complete a document cover sheet | | | |
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I&A guide 18: How to complete a document separator sheet

I&A officers:

- May answer questions about your claim. Help is available in several languages.
- May call the claims administrator to help clear up misunderstandings.
- May hold meetings to resolve problems or disputes.
- Cannot actively prepare your case, argue on your behalf, or speak as your representative (unlike an attorney).

Q. How can I contact an I&A officer?

A. Call toll-free (phone: 1-800-736-7401) to hear recorded messages or request written materials.

Attend a free, one-hour I&A workshop (designed mostly for injured workers who do not have attorneys and whose cases have been accepted).

Call a local I&A officer, at an office listed on the next page.

State Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) Information & Assistance Offices

State Information & Assistance (I&A) officers answer questions and help injured workers. Their services are free. The numbers listed below were effective as of February 2012.

Toll-Free: 1-800-736-7401

* Oakland

1-510-622-2861

Call this number to hear recorded messages.

District Offices: (For addresses, check the Government Pages at the front of the white pages of your phone book. Look under: State Government Offices/Industrial Relations/Workers' Compensation. See also the DWC website: www.dwc.ca.gov.)

| * Anaheim | * Oxnard | * San Jose |
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| 1-714-414-1804 | 1-805-485-3528 | 1-408-277-1292 |
| * Bakersfield | * Pomona | * San Luis Obispo |
| 1-661-395-2514 | 1-909-623-8568 | 1-805-596-4159 |
| * Eureka | * Redding | * Santa Ana |
| 1-707-441-5723 | 1-530-225-2047 | 1-714-558-4597 |
| * Fresno | * Riverside | * Santa Rosa |
| 1-559-445-5355 | 1-951-782-4347 | 1-707-576-2452 |
| * Goleta | * Sacramento | * Stockton |
| 1-805-968-4158 | 1-916-928-3158 | 1-209-948-7980 |
| * Long Beach | * Salinas | * Van Nuys |
| 1-562-590-5240 | 1-831-443-3058 | 1-818-901-5367 |
| * Los Angeles | * San Bernardino | |
| 1-213-576-7389 | 1-909-383-4522 | |
| * Marina del Rey | * San Diego | |
| 1-310-482-3820 | 1-619-767-2082 | |
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* San Francisco

1-415-703-5020